

**NM OIL CONSERVATION**  
ARTESIA DISTRICT

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Form C-141  
Revised August 8, 2011

**RECEIVED** to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

NAB1701342809 OPERATOR  Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company: Vanguard Operating, LLC <u>258360</u>	Contact: Chuck Johnston
Address: 4001 Penbrook Suite 201 Odessa, TX 79762	Telephone No. 432-202-4771
Facility Name: Jeffers 32 State #001	Facility Type: Tank Battery
Surface Owner	Mineral Owner
API No. 30-015-30887	

**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
J	32	17 S	28E	2141	S	1665	East	Eddy

Latitude 32.789692 Longitude -104.194921

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

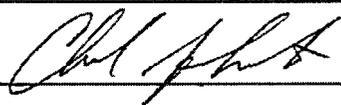
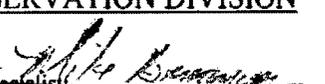
Type of Release: Oil	Volume of Release: Less than 5 bbls	Volume Recovered: 0 Oil burned in fire
Source of Release: Hole in heater treater fire tube ignited oil	Date and Hour of Occurrence	Date and Hour of Discovery 12-23-2016 11:47 pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Left message with Mike Brachter on 12-28-2016 then spoke with Crystal Weaver 1-4-2015	
By Whom? Dennis Howard	Date and Hour: 12-28-2016	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*  
A hole developed in the fire tube of the heater treater igniting the oil and burning the heater treater and oil - all inside of the containment. Wells were shut in until the facility was repaired.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*  
A vacuum truck removed the standing fluid in the containment (mainly fresh water sprayed by the fire department) and hauled to disposal. The charred gravel was removed and hauled to disposal. The heater treater was replaced by a used heater treater and the production lines replaced. Facility is back in service.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature: 	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: Chuck Johnston	Signed By 	Approved by Environmental Specialist
Title: EHS / Operations Specialist	Approval Date: <u>1/12/17</u>	Expiration Date: <u>N/A</u>
E-mail Address: cjohnston@vnrllc.com	Conditions of Approval: <u>FINAL</u>	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 1-6-2016	Phone: 432-202-4771	

2017-01-02

## **Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Chuck Johnston <cjohnston@vnrlc.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 6, 2017 10:38 AM  
**To:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Jeffers 32 State #001 Fire  
**Attachments:** Jeffers 32 State #001 C-141.pdf

Crystal, please find attached the C-141 form for the Jeffers Heater Treater fire. As discussed, a hole in the fire tube ignited the oil in the heater treater causing the heater treater to burn and associated piping. All damaged equipment was inside of the containment and oil was burned. The foreman removed the charred gravel and hauled to disposal and used a vacuum truck to remove the fresh water sprayed by the fire department and the produced water remaining in the heater treater and free water knockout to disposal. He brought in new gravel, installed a used heater treater and associated piping. The facility is back in service.

Also, I confirmed with our foreman his trip to the Horse Creek Com #2 scheduled for Monday. As soon as he supplies us with accurate information, I will finish completing the C-141.

Thanks for your help and guidance and look forward to working with you guys!

**Chuck Johnston**  
**EHS / Operations Specialist**  
**432-202-4771 Cell**  
**432-248-8154 Office**

